

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing legal reasoning for determining a law, the method comprising:

presenting a legislative objective of the law to a plurality of participants via a computer network;

determining an initial law corresponding to the legislative objective;

~~presenting~~ receiving an initial image that does not fit in with the initial law from at least one of the plurality of participants via the computer network, ~~potentially obstructing the legislative objective;~~

determining whether the initial image obstructs the legislative objective;

when the initial image is determined not to obstruct the legislative objective, accepting the initial law as the law; and

when the initial image is determined to obstruct the legislative objective, determining a second law by revising the initial law to remove the potential obstruction caused by the initial image that does not fit in with the initial law.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for analyzing legal reasoning according to claim 1, further comprising:

presenting the second law to the plurality of participants via the computer network.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for analyzing legal reasoning according to claim 2, the ~~presenting wherein determining whether the initial image that does not fit in comprising obstructs the legislative objective comprises:~~

~~presenting a proposed image that does not fit in via the computer network, the computer network being accessible by a plurality of participants;~~

receiving votes from the plurality of participants on whether the ~~proposed initial~~ image that does not fit in obstructs the legislative objective; and

~~presenting the proposed~~ determining that the initial image that does not fit in ~~as the initial image that does not fit in~~ obstructs the legislative objective when the voting ~~determines~~ indicates that a majority of the plurality of participants agree that the ~~proposed initial~~ image that does not fit in obstructs the legislative objective.

4. (Original) The method for analyzing legal reasoning according to claim 3, further comprising:

displaying, substantially simultaneously via the computer network, at least a percentage of the plurality of participants that agree that the proposed image that does not fit obstructs the legislative objective.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for analyzing legal reasoning according claim 1, further comprising:

~~presenting~~ receiving a second image that does not fit in with ~~at least one of the initial law and the second law, potentially obstructing the legislative~~

objective from at least one of the plurality of participants when the second law has been determined; and

determining whether the second image obstructs the legislative objective;
when the second image is determined not to obstruct the legislative
objective, accepting the second law as the law; and

when the second image is determined to obstruct the legislative objective,
determining a third law by revising the second law to remove the potential
obstruction of the second image that does not fit in with the ~~at least one of the~~
~~initial law and the second law.~~

Claims 6 -7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for storing a computer program that enables analysis of legal reasoning to derive a law relating to an objective, the computer readable medium comprising:

a receiving source code segment that initially receives the objective of the law and an initial law proposed to achieve the objective from one of a plurality of users; and

a presenting source code segment that presents the objective and the initial law to the other users of the plurality of users;

the receiving code segment receiving an image that does not fit in with the objective as indicated by the initial law from one of the plurality of users;

the presenting code segment presenting the image that does not fit in to the other users of the plurality of users;

the receiving source code segment receiving a second law from one of the plurality of users, derived from the initial law, that accounts for the image that does not fit in.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium for storing a computer program according to claim 8, further comprising:

a storing ~~source~~ code segment that stores legal reasoning data, the data comprising the objective, the initial law, the image that does not fit in and the second law, the data being accessible by a the plurality of users via a data network.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium for storing a computer program according to claim 8, the presenting ~~source~~ code segment further presenting a second image that does not fit in with the objective as indicated by the second law; and

the receiving ~~source~~ code segment receiving a third law from one of the plurality of users, derived from the second law, that accounts for the second image that does not fit in.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing legal reasoning for determining a law, the system comprising:

a central processing unit that ~~runs~~ executes a computer program for the legal reasoning analysis; and

a server connected to the central processing unit, the server being accessible by a plurality of user terminals via a packet switched data network;

the central processing unit presenting an objective of the law to the plurality of user terminals via the server and receiving an initial law relating to the legislative objective;

the central processing unit receiving a proposed image that does not fit in with the objective, as indicated by the initial law, and presenting the proposed image that does not fit in to the plurality of user terminals via the server;

the central processing unit receiving votes from the plurality of user terminals and, based on the votes, determining whether a ~~predetermined number~~ majority of the votes from the plurality of participants user terminals agree that the proposed image that does not fit in ~~comprises an actual image that does not fit in with~~ obstructs the objective, as indicated by the initial law; and

when the central processing unit determines that a the majority of the plurality of participants votes agree that the proposed image that does not fit in ~~comprises the actual image that does not fit~~ obstructs the objective, the central processing unit ~~receiving~~ queries the plurality of user terminals and receives in response to the query a second law, derived from the initial law, that addresses the ~~actual~~ proposed image that does not fit in; and

when the central processing unit determines that the majority of the votes agree that the proposed image that does not fit in does not obstruct the objective, the central processing unit designates the initial law as the law.

12. (Currently Amended) The system for analyzing legal reasoning for determining a law according to claim 11, further comprising a ~~memory~~ data base connected to the central processing unit, the ~~memory~~ data base storing data

related to the legal reasoning analysis, the stored data comprising the objective, the initial law, the ~~actual~~ proposed image that does not fit in, the second law and the voting results.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing legal reasoning for deriving a final law, the method comprising:

determining an objective of the final law;

determining an initial law corresponding to the objective;

consecutively ~~presenting~~ receiving a plurality of scenarios that potentially obstruct the objective;

consecutively determining whether each of the plurality of scenarios that potentially obstructs the objective actually obstructs the objective;

for each of the plurality of scenarios that ~~potentially obstructs~~ is determined to actually obstruct the objective, consecutively determining a corresponding plurality of revised laws that remove the ~~potential~~ obstructions; and

when a scenario of the plurality of scenarios is determined not to actually obstruct the objective, identifying a last revised law of the consecutively determined plurality of revised laws as the final law.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for analyzing legal reasoning for deriving a final law, according to claim 13, further comprising:

receiving voting results regarding whether each one of ~~a plurality of proposed scenarios comprises one of~~ the plurality of scenarios that potentially obstruct the objective actually obstructs the objective.